

Annual U.S. Army Museum System Training Course

6-11 June 2010

Theme: "Continuity and Change: Army Museums Leading the Way in the 21st Century"

We hope that you are making plans to join us in Newport News, Virginia this summer as we explore *Continuity and Change: Army Museums Leading the Way in the 21st Century* at the 2010 U.S. Army Museum System Training Course hosted by the U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, Virginia. We invite you to join over one hundred and fifty Army museum professionals from all over the nation and overseas at the Marriott City Center Hotel, right in the heart of one of the nation's vibrantly contemporary cities.

In these challenging economic times it is more important than ever before that we keep our museums relevant, real and responsive to the needs of the command and the public we serve. This year's training will focus on sessions devoted to our museum's leadership, however, all museum staffs are encouraged to participate. Sessions will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Army museums and how we can come together to enhance and/or refine using the latest techniques and best practices in every area of the museum profession, from collections stewardship, accountability, identification and cataloging using the Army Historical Collections Accountability System (AHCAS), to storage, exhibit design, financial management, marketing, facility, research and development, Soldier training, public outreach educational programs and beyond.

We hope that you will learn and re-learn, share ideas and be inspired by our great selection of presenters, guest speakers and keynote speakers. The Annual Training Course brings together several museum professionals with a wide range of experiences, to create a learning experience in which they can share their techniques, successes and challenges. These sessions along with speakers, evening events and tours, will be the foundation for new ideas to pave the way for making the Museum Division at the Center of Military History (CMH) and the Army Museum System (AMS) more relevant and aligned with the current Army strategic objectives.

Overall, we hope you will gain a better understanding of how we must communicate the value of our Army museums to the command and the public through our programs and services offered. Sharing your perspectives about your collection, mission, exhibits and programs will help us plan for the future.